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OLLEP (Orszagos Legvedelmi es Legiero Parancsnoksag, National Defense and Air Command) Headquarters/Purpose/Location/Description of Various Levels

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SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT #

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1. The underground headquarters of OLLEP (Orszagos Legvedelmi es Legiero Parancsnoksag, National Defense and Air Force Command) are located on Gellert Hill, Budapest.

_____ This was the headquarters of the early warning system in Hungary.

2. The OLLEP commander, who held a Captain's rank, was subordinate to the Defense Ministry and had subordinate to him the Kecskemeti Ered Oros (Kecskemet Regimental Section) and the Tassari Ered Oros (Tassari Regimental Section). Subordinate to the latter two were from three to five Szasz Oros (Company Sections). Under each Company Section were from five to 10 Riggelo Oros (Observation Sections) and approximately four Radar Oros (Radar Sections).

3. Hungary had 13 to 15 large radars in operation, with a range of 500 kilometers and an unknown number of small radars with a range of 100 kilometers.

_____ by regulation, there was supposed to be one every 10 km along the Yugoslav and Austrian borders.

4. The outside of Gellert Hill was grass covered, and only one radio antenna could be seen on it. While OLLEP was functioning, many of its telephones and the lines broke down. This resulted in poor operations of the communications system.

5. _____ during the Revolution in 1956, Soviet soldiers destroyed OLLEP headquarters completely since they did not know what its purpose was. The Hungarian personnel who worked there and especially the draftees were completely disinterested in the efficiency of OLLEP's operation. The entire headquarters system could be knocked out if the rooms through which the telephone lines passed were destroyed.

6. _____ the location of OLLEP on a map of Budapest.

7. _____ sketches of the first level, the second level and third level of OLLEP as well as a detailed drawing of the Control Room which received all air warnings sent in by the observation and radar sections operating throughout Hungary.

ENCLOSURES:

A: First Level of OLLEP inside Gellert Hill with Legend. No Scale.

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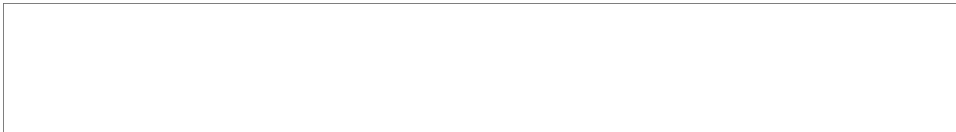
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B: Second Level of OLLEP with Legend. No Scale.

C: Third Level of OLLEP with Legend. No Scale.

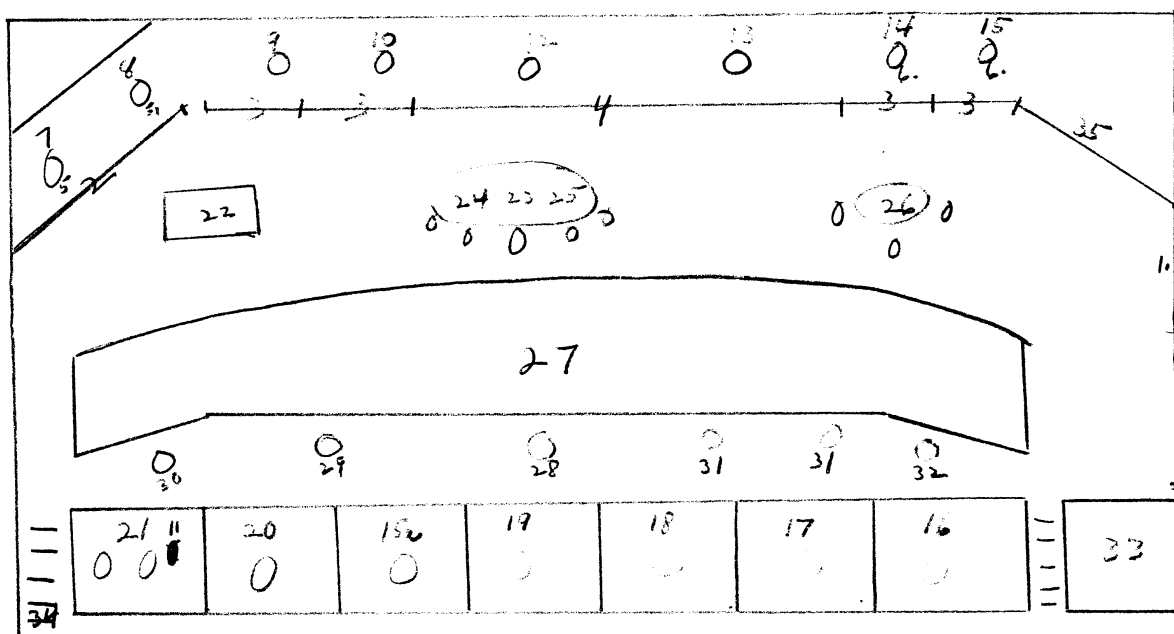
D: The OLLEP Central Control Room (Room Number 24) with Legend.
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THIRD LEVEL OF OLLEP.

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- 21 - 51. Corridor which connects first and third level.
52. Staircase.
53. Hallway.
54. Bathroom.
55. Small room for emergency purposes. It was completely empty.
56. Empty room used for classroom.
57. Storage room for beds and chairs which were to be placed in Room Number 55.

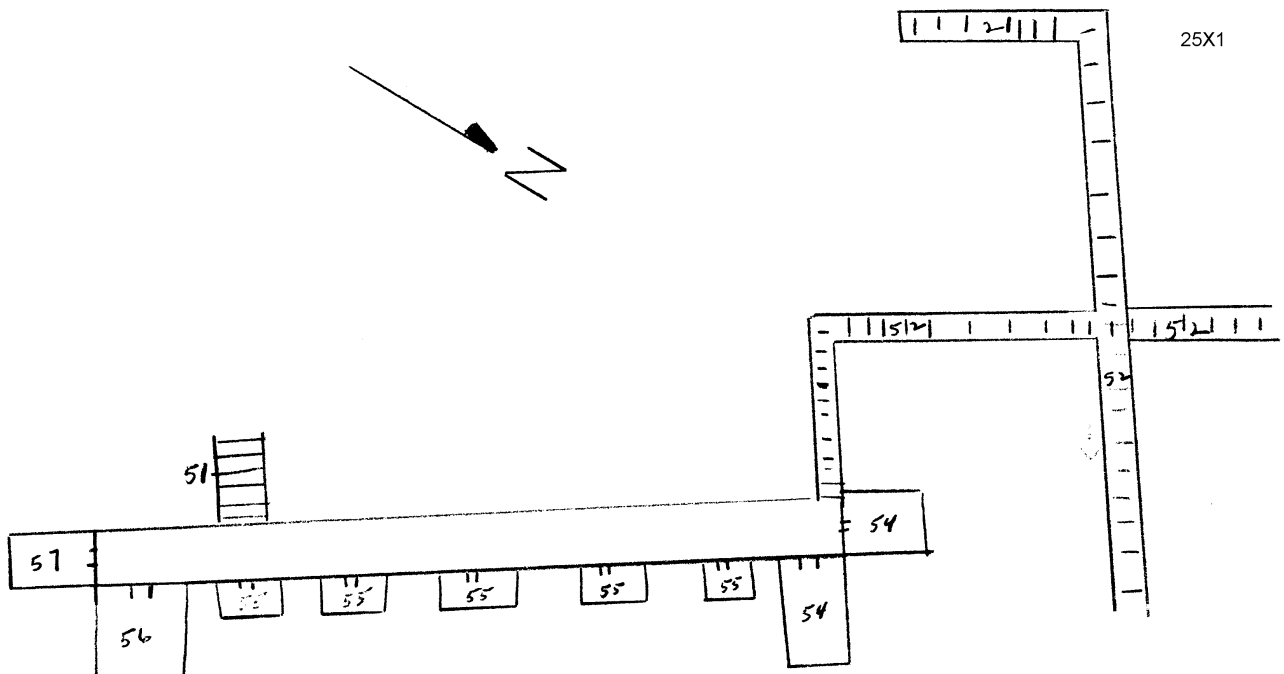
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Enclosure C - Third Level of OLLEP



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41. Mess Hall, 7m x 4m. There was room for only 15 men but usually 40 ate here.

42. Officers' Mess Hall.

42a. Heating Plant. Machinery for changing air and emergency power plant was located here.

43. [redacted] this was the radio officer's room.

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44. Radio Storage Room. I do not know what kind of radios were stored here.

45. Classroom, six m x seven m. The enlisted men were taught military subjects here.

46. Officer in command of the guard detail for the outside of the compound and also the National Anti-Aircraft Command Headquarters were located here.

Additions to first level which could be reached only through the second level inside the hill constitute the following.

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47. Staircases from second level.

48. Hallway.

49. Repair Radio and Telephone Room, 10 m x 4 m x 4 m.

50. [redacted] It contains a small radio set which sent messages to its main station on Szabadsaghegy Mountain.

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51. Stairwell.

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Second Level of OLLEP.

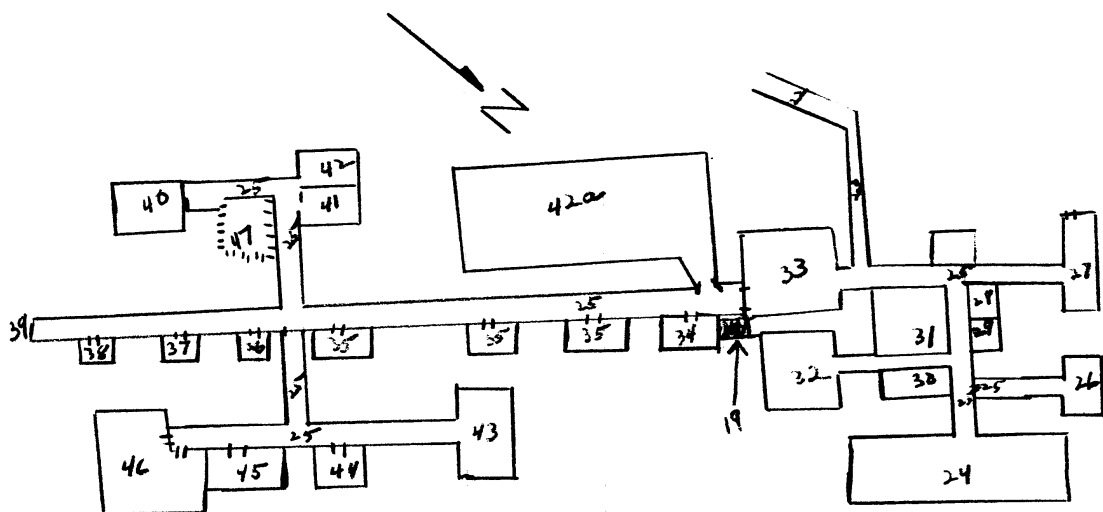
(Level is about 50 m down from top of hill assuming that the hill was 40 m from ground level.)

24. The National Anti-Aircraft Command Control Room (Enclosure D supplies a detailed breakdown of this room.). All reports from radar observation posts come into this room which is about 22 m x 22 m.
25. Hallway about 2 m high and 1.2 m wide.
26. Bathroom.
27. Sleeping Quarters for Female Officers. No enlisted women worked here only women who were officers. Quarters were used only when a female officer was on duty. The rest of the female officers was stationed in Budapest. About eight female officers worked in OLLEP. This room was about 3 m x 4 m.
28. Commander's Office. The head of OLLEP usually held a Captain's rank. He had command of the entire place except the radio section which was handled by another captain.
29. Executive Officer's Office. The executive officer was 1st Lt Ferenc Kapetter, about 35 years of age. He was an active Communist. All officers stationed here were good Communists. For duty in this underground location, the officers received extra pay. Some received six thousand forints per month. The enlisted men did not receive extra pay for duty here.
30. Office of Soviet adviser, whose rank was Captain. Name unknown.
31. Resting quarters for enlisted men.
32. Mess hall and resting room, 10 m x 12 m.
33. Every telephone line (about four-five thousand lines) went through this room. Lines out of order were checked here. If the lines in this room could be destroyed, the entire place would be out of commission. During the Revolution in 1957, Soviet soldiers also destroyed these lines without realizing what they were for. Presumably the lines have been repaired by now [August 1957].
34. Central Switchboard. Number 17a would connect and contact number 34 with all calls going in and out.
35. These rooms were occupied by the radio section. They were probably rest places for the radio operators.
36. Storage room for maps and stationary.
37. Secret Documents Office. Blank maps were taken from Number 36 and taken to Number 34 and then to Number 37 and kept there for six months. After six months the maps were burnt. Room Number 37 had an ordinary door with an iron crossbar. A female staff sergeant, about 30 years of age, was in charge of this office. Name unknown.
38. Carpenter Shop for local carpentry work.
39. Door
40. Kitchen. Prepared food was brought from a nearby casern and was served here.

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First Level of OLLEP Inside Hillside

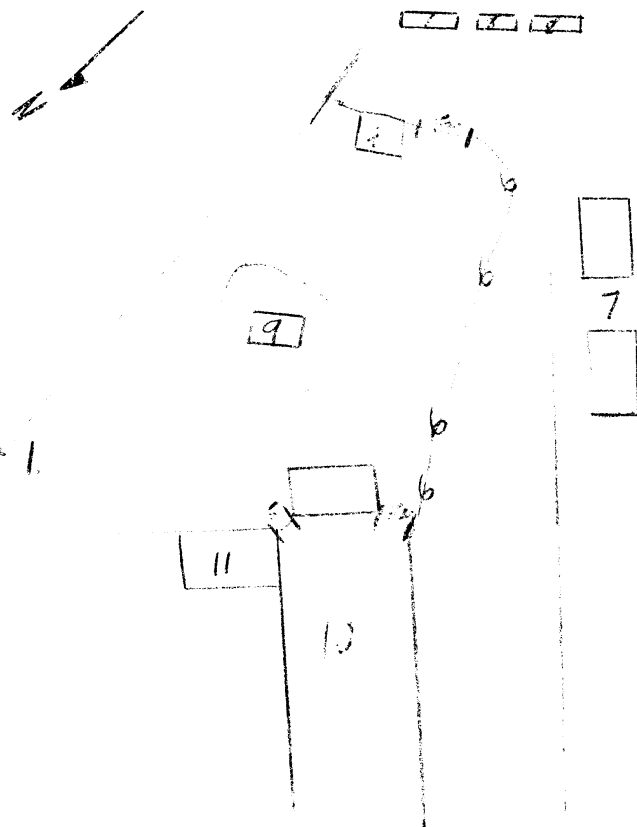
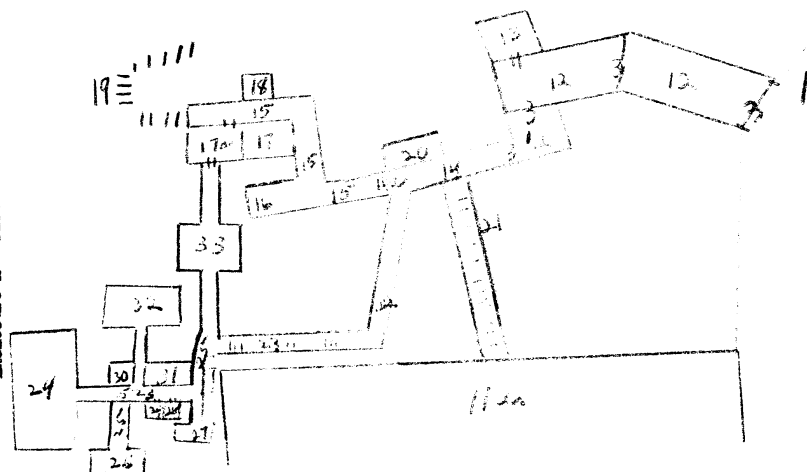
1. Hillside Entrance
2. Overhead Hill.
3. Guard at Entrance.
4. Guardhouse
5. Gate for Pedestrians
- 5a. Gate for Motor Vehicles
6. Two m high wire fence.
7. Hill
8. Adjacent private residential houses.
9. One-story high building, 10 m x 15 m, red brick, with v-shaped, tile roof.
10. Street leading to Schweidel u.
11. Post office building, 18 m x 12 m, with flat roof. Building was made of brick and painted dirty white. Post office and telephone building was partly underground. Its telephone lines connected all the major cities.
- 11a. Underground Post. Telephone Company operated regular telephone lines here and also had an auxiliary line which could be used in an emergency by OLLEP.
12. Tunnel, 2.2 m high and 1.5 m wide. It was built of concrete. This part of the tunnel was level with its entrance, but there were about 40 to 50 m of dirt above it which constituted the hill.
13. Small storage area.
14. Tunnel area about 10 cm per m for a distance of about eight to 10 m.
- 14a. End of sloping area in tunnel.
15. Level part of tunnel at sloping section (number 14).
16. Bathroom.
17. Telephone and Radio Control Room. The men working in this room listened to all radio communications. Every call entering and leaving OLLEP was checked here before being transmitted in or out of the OLLEP offices. Two men worked here.
- 17a. Automatic switchboard for Budapest. This switchboard could contact any point in Budapest.
18. Control Battery, 4m x 6m. This was the only power in OLLEP for telephones. comment: All references from Number 14a to 18 refer to same level in the hill.
19. Stairway to level below.
20. Counter-Espionage Office. All information pertaining to spying on OLLEP was sent here. Records of everyone stationed at OLLEP were kept here.

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A hand-drawn diagram of a mechanical assembly. It features a central vertical shaft with several components. At the top, there is a horizontal arm with a dimension of 51. Below this, the shaft has a section with a dimension of 50. Further down, there is a component with a dimension of 49. The shaft continues down to a base with a dimension of 50. To the right of the shaft, there is a vertical component with a dimension of 49. The entire assembly is labeled with a large number 2.



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22. Paper map of Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, and the USSR on which the flights of the Hungarian and Soviet fighter planes were tracked. This was done only when they were closing in on unidentified (foreign) planes.
23. One officer and four enlisted men plotted irregular Hungarian flights or foreign flights.
24. This section was responsible for the northwestern part of Hungary and was in contact with Taszari Ered Ors (Taszar Regimental Section).
25. This section handled the southeastern part of Hungary. The Danube River was used as the separation line. This section was in contact with the Kecskemeti Ered Ors (Kecskemet Regimental Section).
26. This section had a map of Hungary and the surrounding countries and plotted flights moving into Hungary and/or close to Hungary. The officer in Prague, Czechoslovakia, notified Number 26 of any approaching unidentified planes from Czechoslovakia. This section consisted of one officer and two enlisted men.
27. This was a large table containing about 70 telephones where observation posts could call in.
28. The commander of the 24-hour guard shift sat here, and about 15 telephones were within his reach. He could call anyone from Number 16 to 20 and to Number 5 and Number 11. He could also call the National AA commander, the Ministry of Defense, the commander of this underground headquarters, Taszar, Kecskemet, and some of the more important radar stations. If one of the phones in Number 28 went bad, Number 29 was on stand-by for emergency.
29. Number 29 was emergency stand-by for Number 28. He could send messages by telegraph.
30. This man checked the code numbers written on Number 3 and translated the code written on the glass into descriptions of what type of planes were spotted.
31. Soviet officer and his aid. He had about 10 phones within reach. He could contact the commander telling the commander when to send fighters. He had direct lines set up in the same manner as Number 28. He also had a direct line to Moscow.
32. Telegraph set. In case one of the other telephones went dead this receiver could send messages.
33. Cupboard for pencils.
34. This was a staircase to the booths (numbers 15a to 21).
35. Paper map of entire Europe.

It was a general rule that someone had to be in the room all the time. During meal-times, it was necessary to arrange for replacement personnel to handle the work in case an alert came.

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OLLEP CENTRAL CONTROL ROOM (ROOM NUMBER 24).

1. Entrance.
2. Glass map of Hungary, 1.8 m high and two m long. All Hungarian flights were kept track of on this map. The airports notified this room ahead of time (usually 24 hours), of their flights. Number 11 (an officer) and Number 5 took care of tracking the planes in flight. Also local observation areas informed this section of flights that were to come over their areas.
3. This consists of glass walls on which information was written in code concerning type of planes and their locations over Hungary.
4. Large map of Hungary and adjacent countries, two m x five m high.
5. Men who kept track of unidentified planes.
6. Same as 11.
- 7 and 8. Men who kept track of unidentified planes.
- 9 and 10. Enlisted men who wrote backwards putting down description of unidentified plane, which included type, height of flight and location.
11. An officer read the information put down by numbers 9 and 10 and sent messages out to AA Command fighter section which relayed messages to the fighter squadrons.
- 12 and 13. Heard what number 11 read and plotted course of unidentified planes.
- 14 and 15. These men received reports via telephone from Czechoslovakia, Rumania and the USSR concerning unidentified ^{UNCODED} planes in these countries and whether they were approaching Hungary. They put down the number of planes, location and type of planes.
- 15a. If this man saw that unidentified planes in Number 9 and Number 10 were close to the Czechoslovak or Rumanian borders, he informed these countries of the approaching unidentified planes.
16. An officer who was a Russian interpreter watched the board and the information concerning all planes flying over Hungary and close to Hungary. He transmitted the information to the Soviet air unit located at Papa in Hungary.
17. This officer had a direct line to Lwow, Poland and informed that area of any unidentified planes approaching the Polish or Soviet border.
18. This officer reported to Bucharest, Rumania any unidentified plane approaching that country.
19. Officer had a direct line to Prague, Czechoslovakia and informed that country in Hungarian and Russian about any unidentified planes approaching the Czech border through Hungary.
20. This officer reported in Russian to the Soviet airport at Tokel, Hungary on any unidentified planes flying over Hungary.
21. Two telegraph Morse code operators were on standby in case one of the telephone lines used from number 16 to 20 broke down. They then would send out messages for the line which broke down.

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